



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

**Autumn Term, Issue 5 — Friday 17 November 2023**

**The theme of our prayers:**

*As the seasons change, God's beauty is everywhere*

## Important Dates and Events

**Tuesday 21 November 2023** – Individual School Photographs from 8.30am

**Tuesday 21 November 2023** – Parents Evening 3.45pm – 5.45pm

**Thursday 23 November 2023** – Y3, 4, 5 music workshop in school

**Thursday 23 November 2023** – Parents Evening 3.45pm – 7.15pm

**Friday 24 November 2023** – Non-Uniform day – bring a bottle for the tombola

**Wednesday 29 November 2023** – Y1/2 Author Event in school

**Thursday 30 November 2023** – Y5/6 Internet Safety talk in school

**Friday 1 December 2023** – Non-Uniform – £1 donation for Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust

**Friday 1 December 2023** – Group of Y5/6 Athletics at RITC – 1.15pm

**Tuesday 5 December 2023** – Y6 to Crucial Crew

**Thursday 7 December 2023** – 2pm Christmas Fair

**Friday 8 December 2023** – Some children to visit MOTO as part of our fundraising campaign

**Monday 11 December 2023** – Y1 to Penny Pie Park

**Monday 11 December 2023** – Y5/6 girls football – Semi & final at Dorothy Hyman – parents welcome

**Tuesday 12 December 2023** – Emergency Services Museum to visit Nursery/F2/Y1 and Y2 in school

**Wednesday 13 December 2023** – 2.45pm Christingle Service led by Y3 in the school hall. Parents are welcome.

**Thursday 14 December 2023** – Non-Uniform - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

**Friday 15 December 2023** – Y2 Rugby at RITC

**Monday 18 December 2023** – 10am Christmas Mass at Holy Rood Church, led by Y5. Parents are welcome

**Tuesday 19 December 2023** – EYFS and KS1 to panto at 1pm

**Tuesday 19 December 2023** – 4pm Carols around the tree for staff, children and families

**Wednesday 20 December 2023** – 9.15am FS Nativity

## Last week's attendance

Class	% Attendance
<b>Foundation 2</b>	94.3%
<b>Year 1</b>	95.7%
<b>Year 2</b>	97.3%
<b>Year 3</b>	97.3%
<b>Year 4</b>	95.6%
<b>Year 5</b>	96.3%
<b>Year 6</b>	96.7%
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	96.2%

**Joint winners this week – well done to Year 2 and Year 3**

## School Holidays 2023/2024

**Christmas Holidays** – Friday 22 December 2023 – Friday 5 January 2024

**February Half Term** – Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2024

**Easter Holidays** – Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024

**May Half Term** – Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 7 June 2024

**Summer Holidays** – break up Friday 19 July 2024

## Inset days 2023/2024

Friday 22 December 2023  
Friday 7 June 2024  
Monday 22 July 2024

## Advanced notice of important assessment dates 2023/24

**Y1 Phonics** will take place from Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024

**Year 4 Multiplication Check** will take place from Monday 10 June until Friday 14 June 2024

**Year 6 SATs** will take place from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024

### **Attendance/Appointments**

If your child has an appointment, you should let the office have a copy of the letter/text/email before the appointment. We can then mark your child's absence accordingly. Without evidence of the appointment, an unauthorised absence mark will be given.

In addition, please remember that you should ring, text or email school to let us know if your child is going to be absent and why. We cannot accept 'unwell' or 'feeling ill' as we need to know if there is an outbreak of a particular illness within a class that may need reporting to Public Health.

From January 2024, if a child takes leave of absence in term time, **both parents/carers** can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £60 each. Remember low attendance can affect your child's learning.

### **F1/F2**

Please remember that our F1 (Nursery) provision starts at 8:45am prompt.

F2 (Reception) class children should arrive at the side entrance at 8:45am so they can settle into class and complete important letter formation activities before their RWI lessons start at 9:00am.

### **Medication in School**

Just a reminder that we cannot give any medicines to a child which has not been prescribed. We need to see evidence of the prescription (eg label on either the box or the bottle or the prescription itself).

If medication has been prescribed 4 times per day, a yellow medical form must also be completed before the medicine is administered by school.

We will not give medication to pupils that is only prescribed for 3 times per day.

### **Supervision of your children**

We are seeing an increasing number of children being dropped off at the school gate and then proceeding to run around before the doors to the classroom open. Please note that Nursery and Reception doors open at 8.45am and the rest of school open their doors at 8.50am. Thank you

### **School Crossing – advanced notice**

Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol on Racecommon Road on the following dates:

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### **Non Uniform Days – Friday 24 November and Friday 1 December**

On 24 November we will have a non-uniform day and will ask for donations of bottles for our Christmas Tombola.

On Friday 1 December, we will be asking for £1 donation as we will be supporting the Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust, a hospice in Sheffield that the whole of the Hallam Diocese will be fundraising for throughout Advent.

### **Christmas Dates – Advance notice**

Friday 24 November 2023 – Non-Uniform day – bring a bottle for the tombola

Friday 1 December 2023 – Non-Uniform Day - £1 donation for Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust

Thursday 7 December 2023 – 2pm Christmas Fair in the school hall

Wednesday 13 December 2023 – 2.45pm Y3 to lead our Christingle Service

Thursday 14 December 2023 – Non-Uniform - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Monday 18 December 2023 – 10am Christmas Mass at Holy Rood Church, led by Y5

Tuesday 19 December 2023 - 12.30pm F2, Y1 and Y2 to the Lamproom Theatre to see Cinderella Pantomime

Tuesday 19 December 2023 – 4pm Carols around the tree for staff, children and families

Wednesday 20 December 2023 - 9.15am Nursery and F2 Nativity

Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 12.30pm Y3, 4, 5 and 6 to the Lamproom Theatre to see Cinderella Pantomime

Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 2pm Y1 and Y2 Nativity

Thursday 21 December 2023 - 9.15am KS2 Carol Concert

Thursday 21 December 2023 - Christmas Parties

Friday 22 December 2023 – INSET day – school closed to pupils

